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In speaking to the editor of the Citizen the other day Mr. Louis P. Shoemaker, president of the Brightwood Citizens' Association, said:

"YOUR PAPER IS CERTAINLY DOING GOOD WORK FOR THE SUBURBS AND SUBURBAN PEOPLE. IT IS A GREAT PITY THE OTHER PAPERS, TOO, DON'T DEVOTE SOME SPACE TO OUR INTERESTS."

The record for long-distance transmission of electric light and power is at present held by California, but it promises to lose it at an early day, as a generating works driven by water power at Sault Ste. Marie is arranging to deliver electricity at Detroit, 300 miles away. This will be one-third longer than the longest transmission line in California.

Special study of fire protection by the State Railway Department of Prussia has suggested numerous improvements in passenger cars. Tests to be made include covering floors with asbestos sheet and tin, impregnating woodwork with fireproofing solution, protecting upholstery by asbestos covering, using wooden curtains instead of linen and replacing floor mats with less inflammable ones.

Some of the most noteworthy of recent sayings by prominent Britons are the following: Sir Harry Johnston said: "I look forward to a great federation of the Anglo-Saxon elements, which shall include the British Empire, the United States and even Germany." Earl Dudley, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, has declared that "freedom of speech must have some limit." "I am convinced that we are on the eve of a settlement of the Irish land question," said John Redmond. "An enthusiasm for university teaching, which has slumbered for a good many centuries, is now waking up in London," is a remark of Earl Selborne.

A movement is on foot to bring back to America the remains of William Penn from the Jordan burial grounds in Penn. Buckinghamshire, England. Three wealthy Pennsylvanians are said to have offered a substantial sum for the Friends' Meeting House in that place and the bones of the man that founded the Keystone State. In the burial ground at Penn are the remains of the founder and five of his children, also the remains of the Quaker elders, Isaac Pennington and Thomas Ellwood. Many such plans have been talked of many times in the last few years, but nothing ever came of any of them, nor is it likely that anything ever will, on account of the difficulties to be met with in England.

HEAT IN THE OVEN.

How the Bakers Determine It by the Mere Touch of the Hand.

"Bakers have a curious way of telling just what the temperature of the oven is," said a down town baker who has been in the business for more than a quarter of a century, "and they can tell, too, with almost marvelous accuracy. You take a man who is an expert in the business, and he can tell what the temperature of the oven is by simply touching the handle of the oven door. In nine cases out of ten he will not miss it a fraction of a degree. Bakers have other ways, of course, of testing the heat of the oven. For instance, when baking bread, they sometimes throw a piece of white paper into the oven, and if it turns brown, the oven is at the proper temperature; or, when baking other things they will throw a little cornmeal or flour into the oven in order to test the heat. But the baker's fingers are the best gauge, and when you come to think of the different temperatures required in baking different things, it is no small achievement to even approximate the heat of the oven by touching the handle of the oven door."

"Bakers figure that during the rising time of a loaf of bread, after it has been placed in the oven, it ought to be in a temperature of seventy-five degrees Fahrenheit. During the baking process, in order to cook the starch, expand the carbonic acid gas, air and steam, and drive off the alcohol, the inside of the loaf must register at least 220 degrees. In baking rolls, buns, scones, tea biscuits, drop cakes, fancy cakes, New Year cakes, muffins, puff cakes, and things of that sort, the oven must show a heat of 450 degrees or higher. When the oven is at 400 degrees it is fit for cream puffs, sugar cake, queen cakes, rock cakes, jumbles, lady fingers, rough and ready and jelly rolls. At 350 degrees wine cakes, cup cakes, ginger nuts and snaps, pies, ginger bread, spice cakes, such as raisin, currant, citron, pound, bride and so on, may be baked. It requires a still lower temperature to bake wedding cakes, kisses, anise drops and things in this class. But whatever temperature the old baker wants, he can tell when he has it by simply touching the handle of the oven door."

—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Aztecs Not a Dead Race.
 To the mind of the general reader the term Aztec conveys the idea of a more or less misty, extinct greatness; the idea of a great body of aboriginal Americans of mysterious origin, who at the time of the advent of the Spaniards had reached the acme of power and native civilization, and then unexplainedly very rapidly and completely vanished.

These problems—namely, the origin or derivation, the physical type and physical destiny of the Aztecs, to clear which history alone proves insufficient—have been and remain prominently the subjects of anthropological investigation; and through these investigations, in which the anthropological department of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, is taking an important part, enough has already been achieved to warrant the hope that in not a very far future but a little concerning the Aztecs will be left in obscurity. One result of these investigations is the knowledge that the Aztecs of the time of the conquest are still represented by numerous pure-blood survivors.

They are scattered, but still clearly recognizable by a student of the people in the suburbs of the city and in practically all the smaller towns in the Valley of Mexico. From the valley they can be traced southward; they are numerous in the districts of Amecameca, and they occupy, though probably largely mixed with the Nahuatl branch of Tlaluhtecs, entire villages near and in the mountainous country between Cuautla and Cuernavaca, in the State of Morelos. In this last-named region there are in particular two large villages, Teteclingo and Cuautepoc, in which the Aztec-Nahuatl descendants not only speak the pure Aztec language and know but little Spanish, but they also preserve their ancient dress and ancient way of building their dwellings. In both of these villages the natives are almost free from mixture with whites.

To estimate the number of pure-blood Aztec-Nahuatl descendants still in existence is very difficult. The Aztec language is still used by at least a million, probably more, of the natives of Mexico.—Harper's for Christmas

A Flabbergasted Caddy.

It is not easy to surprise a London cabman, but one of the brotherhood had a moment of rapt astonishment yesterday afternoon. He pulled up his hansom at the door of the hotel where the Boer generals have been staying and out leaped a thick-set, firm-faced, bearded gentleman, who wore the frock coat and silk hat of our high civilization. The "fare" quickly got a coin from his pocket, passed it up to caddy with all the certainty of one who knows the London radius, and jerked into the hotel. As he disappeared somebody on the pavement cried to the cabman: "Know who that was?" He shook his head. "De Wet; why, that's De Wet," came the information like a sword thrust. "You've had De Wet for a fare." The cabman, being a London cabman, should, no doubt, have said something clever, but he did not. He simply looked—looked apparently to see if his horse was still there.—London Daily Chronicle.

Rivalry of Two Cities.

The old rivalry between Chicago and St. Louis has been revived in their respective displays at the forthcoming Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Chicago has secured the reservation of 4,432,352 square feet for her buildings, while St. Louis' group will cover an area of 5,047,697 square feet.

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AN ANTI-TREAT LEAGUE.

Irish Organization Looks for Recruits in This Country.

In Ireland an anti-treating league has been formed. It has taken St. Patrick for its patron, and it induced the last convention of the Gaelic league held in Dublin to endorse its efforts as tending to eradicate "one of the most prolific sources of intemperance and a national evil."

The league does not attempt to hinder anybody from taking a drink himself if he pays for it, though it qualifies this by making its members promise "not to be guilty of the sin of intemperance." But the chief pledge that would-be members must take is "not to take a treat from another, nor to give one himself in any place where drink is sold, whether public-house, bar, hotel, or shebeen."

The pledge does not hinder a member from offering a drink to friends in his own house nor from taking one himself at the house of a friend. It does not prevent him from buying a drink for himself. It only bars buying drinks for others.

In token of these principles members are requested to wear the badge of the league, a shamrock leaf in green enamel with three small shields bearing the three initials of the Celtic title of the league. Total abstainers may wear cream-colored shields. All

members are expected to renew their pledges on St. Patrick's day.

Efforts are being made to extend the field of the league's operations in this country. It was organized in County Wexford. It has a juvenile division.

Wedding Superstitions.

It is unlucky for the bride to enter the church before the ceremony at one door and leave after the ceremony by another door.

The bride should always eat the first piece of her wedding cake.

It is said to be unlucky to tie shoes to any part of the carriage in which the bride and bridegroom go away.

In leaving the church the bride will do well to place her right foot foremost if she wishes to be happy, healthy etc., in the future, and she should always be the first to call her husband by name.

After the wedding breakfast and reception the bride should be careful to throw away and lose all the pins, if there are any about her. The bridesmaids should not keep the pins themselves, or they will retard their chances of marriage.

Largest University Library.

The Bodleian library at Oxford is just three centuries old. It is the largest university library in the world.

Slaves of Nicotines.

Tennyson was not the only man who could not give up his pipe. Kaiser Wilhelm is reported to have said: "When I am not asleep I am smoking—and when I am asleep I often dream of the 'subtle poison.'" And it is said of the present prince of Wales that he once made this interesting observation to the czar concerning his love of the cigarette: "A short time ago I had an idea that cigarettes were bad for me, so I determined to limit myself to five smokes a day. The first day I managed to exist on the number I had determined upon smoking. The second day I smoked all five before lunch, and felt very miserable during the rest of the day. The third day I smoked the five judiciously, but still felt a great 'wanting.' The fourth day I couldn't stand it any longer." King Edward, too, is a great smoker.

Place to Tell Their Troubles.

A clever Londoner who has been travelling about the world has noted that nearly every Englishman or American he meets has always some symptoms to complain about, and therefore he purposes to start in London a periodical called Symptoms, which will give descriptions of all kinds of aches and pains and offer prizes for new symptoms or remedies for old symptoms. There is a bonanza in the idea.

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